

Abstract of the Disclosure

A communication system is provided that contains a protocol converting controller. The controller receives an upstream mobile terminal message from a mobile terminal and converts the upstream mobile terminal message into an upstream Internet message to be used by an Internet server. Also, the controller receives a downstream Internet message from the Internet server and converts the downstream Internet message into a downstream mobile terminal message to be used by the mobile terminal. The upstream and downstream mobile terminal messages may have an SMS or USSD protocol, and the upstream and downstream Internet messages may have an HTML, HTTP, or XML protocol. In one implementation, the downstream Internet message is output by an Internet application stored on the Internet server and contains an Internet page (e.g. an XML page) having mobile terminal data for creating the downstream mobile terminal message. Also, the XML page contains potentially responsive mobile terminal messages and Internet addresses that respectively correspond to the potentially responsive mobile terminal messages. As a result, when the protocol converting controller receives an upstream mobile terminal message, it can determine if such message is part of an existing session with the Internet application by determining if the upstream mobile terminal message corresponds to any of the potentially responsive mobile terminal messages. If the upstream mobile terminal message corresponds to one of the messages, it is part of the existing session, and the upstream Internet message is generated based on the Internet address that is associated with the potentially responsive mobile terminal message corresponding to the upstream mobile terminal message. Furthermore, the Internet application may output cookies to the protocol converting controller that are used to enhance the communications between a mobile terminal and the Internet application. In addition, a method performed by the communication system and a software program for controlling the communication system are provided.